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SUBJECT: FULL TEXT OF "OFFICIAL REPORT"

1. FULL TEXT OF "OFFICIAL REPORT" ANNOUNCING UNCOVERING OF
"DESTABILIZATION PLAN" FOLLOWS (FBIS TRANSLATION):

2. BEGIN QUOTE FOR THE PAST 3 WEEKS THE CITIZENS HAVE WITNESSED HOW
OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSIONS AND WAVE OF RUMORS
ABOUT ALLEGED SERIOUS EVENTS AND UNSTABILITY IN OUR INSTITUTIONAL
LIFE.

THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL AGGRESSION GAINED STRENGTH UNTIL IT
COVERED MANY NATIONAL SECTORS AND THE RUMORS EXPANDED TO
SEVERAL COUNTRIES. ONE OF THE POINTS OF ORIGIN OF THE CAMPAIGN
WAS MIAMI CITY. THIS LATER EXPANDED TO NEW YORK CITY.

THE RUMORS REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT THE INFORMATION
OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS ASKED ABOUT WHAT WAS
HAPPENING IN PANAMA. INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES FROM SEVERAL
COUNTRIES ORDERED THEIR CORRESPONDENTS IN PANAMA TO VERIFY THESE
RUMORS. SPECIFICALLY THE AGENCIES ASSOCIATED PRESS AND
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL ASKED ABOUT THE VERACITY
OF THE RUMORS, WHICH OF COURSE WERE DISCREDITED. REPORTS IN THIS
REGARD WERE ISSUED FROM THIS CAPITAL BUT THEY WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC
BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NEWS AGENCIES.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A DESTABILIZATION PLAN AGAINST OUR
INSTITUTIONS. THE PLAN HAD BEEN PUT IN EFFECT BY NATIONAL AND
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FOREIGN SECTORS INTERESTED IN PROVOKING A GENERAL CRISIS IN THE

COUNTRY.

THE FIRST STUDENT DEMONSTRATION BEGAN PEACEFULLY ON THE 11 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE AND THE RISE TO POWER OF PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET. THIS WAS PROMPTLY USED TO INVOLVE A LARGER NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST OUR AUTHORITIES' DECISION TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF RICE AND MILK, A MEASURE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT THAT HAS AFFECTED LARGE AGRICULTURAL AREAS IN THE COUNTRY AND WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY AND EXTENSIVELY REPORTED TO THE COUNTRY. THE PLOT IS ACTIVATED ((SUBHEAD))

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY NOTICED THE MEDDLING OF NATIONAL AND FOREIGN ELEMENTS--COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE STUDENT MOVEMENT--WHO WERE COORDINATING A SERIES OF ACTIONS TO INSTIGATE, PROMOTE AND FINANCE TO A MAXIMUM DEGREE ANY POSSIBLE AGITATION TO DEVELOP A DESTABILIZATION PLAN AND TO PROMOTE A CHAOTIC SITUATION HAD THE EXECUTION OF THE PLOT CONTINUED. THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF EVENTS AND THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY AUTHORITIES CLEARLY SHOW THAT THE DISTURBANCES AND LOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN OUR CAPITAL FOR 4 DAYS ARE NOT JUST THE RESULT OF A SIMPLE CONCERN OR OF STUDENT PROTESTS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS IN CHILE OR FOR THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF STAPLES. CENTERS OF MEETINGS ((SUBHEAD))

MANY DAYS AGO, LONG BEFORE FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, THERE WERE MEETINGS IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE ARCHULETA FAMILY LOCATED IN LA BOCA (CANAL ZONE), HOUSE 9-17, TO PLOT THE CONSPIRACY. THE RESIDENCE IS OWNED BY LUIS ARCHULETA, AN OFFICIAL OF THE CANAL ZONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND BY HIS WIFE OLDA WHO HELD PERIODIC MEETINGS TO ESTABLISH THE PATTERN AND GUIDELINES TO CARRY OUT THE PLOT TO CREATE DISORDER. ATTORNEY EUSEBIO MARCHOSKI WAS IN CHARGE OF CARRYING OUT THE PLOT. HIS WIFE IS A TEACHER AT THE ESCUELA PROFESIONAL WHERE THEY INFILTRATED STUDENT GROUPS.

A MEETING TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY, THE 14TH, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ANA ROBLES DE SAMOS--A SISTER OF ATTORNEY WINSTON ROBLES WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY FOR CONSPIRACY--YODALIS AROSEMENA, CARMEN DE WEEDEN, QUERUBE DE CARLES, FULVIA DZ MORALES, LUPE DE RAMPREZ, GRACIELA NAVAS KING AND NAZARENA NAVAS KING.

THE HOUSE OF VIRGILIO RAMIREZ, A MEMBER OF THE CANAL ZONE POLICE, LOCATED ON 0934 AMADOR STREET IN BALBOA, WAS ANOTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE OPERATION CENTERS USED AS A REFUGE, AS A MEETING CENTER, AS A CENTER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS AND AS A BASE FOR ALL SORT OF ALARMIST TELEPHONE CALLS. FROM THIS RESIDENCE, THE CONSPIRATORS WERE GIVEN PAINT, CLOTHES AND ALL SORT OF MATERIALS ACQUIRED IN THE CANAL ZONE.

VIRGILIO RAMIREZ, THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE, WAS SURPRISED DURING THE WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER MOB SCENE BY NATIONAL GUARD UNITS WHILE HE WAS SEEKING REFUGE IN THE STORE LA PETIT MANSION

OWNED BY CARLOS ERNESTO GONZALEZ DE LA LASTRAS. VIRGILIO RAMIREZ HAS IN THE PAST PROVOKED A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL WHO HE EVEN HANDCUFFED FOR AN ALLEGED TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE ALSO ARRESTED TWO PANAMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR REMAINING IN THE CANAL ZONE.

PARTICIPATION OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ((SUBHEAD))

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT SOME U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE TRIED TO INFILTRATE AGENTS IN VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION.

WE POINT OUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ROGELIO GARCIA, CHIEF OF THE HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE STOREHOUSE; HECTOR DOWNS, A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF 193D INFANTRY BRIGADE WHO WAS SEEN THROWING ROCKS IN CENTRAL AVENUE AND SACKING STORES; AND BERNARD LOWEEL JAMESON, A MEMBER OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WHO WAS ARRESTED NEAR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE WHILE INCITING STUDENTS TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES.

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IN ADDITION TO THIS, THESE AGENCIES, IN VIOLATION OF LAWS IN EFFECT, ARE CONSTANTLY MONITORING LOCAL RADIO STATIONS AND COMMUNICATION AGENCIES.

ALL THESE ACTIONS RESULT FROM THEIR DESIRE TO ASK THEIR AGENTS ABOUT THE REASON FOR WHICH THE DESTABILIZATION PLAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAN. ((SENTENCE AS HEARD))

MEANWHILE, IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS, THE SOUTHERN COMMAND ORDERED ALL UNITS CONFINED

TO BARRACKS AND FORBID ITS MEMBERS TO ENTER TERRITORY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

ON WEDNESDAY THE 15TH, TELEVISION CHANNEL 8 OF THE CAMAL ZONE BROADCAST FALSE NEWS ABOUT THE SETTING ON FIRE OF TWO BUILDINGS IN PANAMA CITY'S CENTRAL AVENUE.

IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT AT NO TIME DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS WAS THERE ANY ATTACK OR AGGRESSION AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS OR ANTI-IMPERIALIST SLOGANS.

PARTICIPATION OF HOODLUMS ((SUBHEAD))

THE AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE HIRED ELEMENTS, A LARGE NUMBER OF HOODLUMS WHO CAUSED DAMAGE AND CARRIED OUT LOOTING WERE INFILTRATED. THEY CARRIED OUT THEIR ACTIONS MAINLY IN CENTRAL AVENUE.

THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, AFTER CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS AND MAKING ARRESTS, WERE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THAT ONE OF THE MAIN SOURCES OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT WAS DR. LUIS CASCO ARIAS, WHO DELIVERED 2,000 BALBOAS IN CASH TO A GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL PROVACATEURS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AGITATORS HIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISRUPTING ORDER. THIS MONEY WAS DISTRIBUTED ON 10 SEPTEMBER. DR. CASCO ARIAS IS UNDER ARREST BY ORDER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THERE ARE REPORTS AND EVIDENCE THAT OTHER AMOUNTS OF MONEY, SOME FROM ABROAD, HAVE ALSO BEEN DELIVERED.

MEANWHILE, IT WAS PROVEN THAT THE DESTABILIZATION PLAN ALSO CONTEMPLATED AN "EMPTY POTS" DEMONSTRATION LED BY WEALTHY LADIES WHO WANTED TO USE WOMEN OF THE POORER NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE CITY, INCORPORATING THEM INTO THE CONSPIRACY MOVEMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST HIM, CARLOS ERNESTO GONZALEZ DE LA LASTRA FLED TO THE CANAL ZONE WHERE HE HAS BEEN GIVEN REFUGE UP TO NOW.

IN THE FACE OF SUCH AN OBVIOUS CONSPIRACY MOVEMENT AND THE PROVOKED CHAOS, THE NATIONAL GUARD--AFTER MAINTAINING GREAT PATIENCE AND CALMNESS--WAS FORCED TO IMPOSE ORDER AND RESPECT. THE NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH IS STILL IN EFFECT:

QUOTE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD HEAD-QUARTERS (REPEAT OF WEDNESDAY EVENING ORDER) IN VIEW OF THE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE IN THE CAPITAL CITY, WHEN GROUPS OF COMMON CRIMINALS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, AND AFTER CONFIRMING THAT CIVILIAN EXTREMISTS ALIEN TO THE SCHOOL SECTOR PARTICIPATED IN THEM IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, WILL NOT ALLOW ANY TYPE OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES PREVENTING FREE CIRCULATION OR (ALERTING) PUBLIC ORDER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SIGNED COL. RODRIGO GARCIA RAMIREZ, SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF PANAMA. END QUOTE.

3. THE ABOVE REPORT WAS READ OVER GOVERNMENT RADIO LAST NIGHT WITH ONE CHANGE WHICH STATED THAT HUMBERTO LOPEZ, ALLEGEDLY AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, HAD ALSO TAKEN REFUGE IN THE CANAL ZONE.
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